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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Mother's Day breakfast. I just attended the 118th convention on Mackinac Island. The conferences were very successful. Our Council received a plaque for leading the state in the MI Drive. The Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, attended and was a guest speaker. He is a Flint native and was very excited to attend.

Elections were held for State Advocate and State Warden. The interim State Warden will not be allowed to continue because he sells insurance as a profession and would constitute a conflict of interest for the Knights of Columbus.

Starting in August the State Officers will be as follows (two year terms):

State Deputy – William Chasse

State Secretary – Walter Winkle

State Treasurer – Christopher Kolomjec

State Advocate – Barry Borinset (newly elected)

State Warden – Charles KcKuen III (newly elected)

We have a new campaign for recruiting new members. Slides will be shown before Masses highlighting some of the functions we perform. Thanks to Bob Walz, Rob Murawski, Scott Morgan, and our Roundtable Coordinator Ed Braet.

Our council is finishing up the paperwork for its purchase of a new 3d ultrasound machine. This will be used in a Madison Heights office. This machine will have the capability to send a photo of the baby to the parent's smart phone. Thanks to our Treasurer, Don Heydens, for his assistance.

Here are the upcoming events:

Jun. 3 – third annual Car Show at the picnic grounds. All proceeds will go to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen.

Jun. 17 – Father's Day breakfast at the Hall.

Aug. 9 – MI Drive Picnic at the KofC grounds.

Sep. 16 – second annual Pro-Life March through downtown Utica.

Last year, four of the five State Officers attended.

In June, the Church celebrates some truly awesome Catholics/events:

1. June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga and companions – 19th century martyrs of Uganda. They belonged to the Society of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers).

2. June 9 – St. Ephrem – 4th century Syrian – Doctor of the church.
3. June 11 – St. Barnabas – mentioned in New Testament.
4. June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua – 13th century friend of St. Francis of Assisi. Considered one of the greatest preachers. Typically depicted with the infant Child Jesus. Doctor of the Church and Patron of lost articles (it works often).
5. June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga – 16th century Jesuit, died at age 23.
6. June 22 – St. Thomas More – 16th century layman and martyr. Opposed King Henry VIII's divorces. He was Lord Chancellor to the king.
7. June 24 – St. John the Baptist – cousin of Our Lord and son of Elizabeth and Zachariah – died at the hands of King Herod for condemning his marriage as unlawful.
8. June 25 – St. Peter – the Rock on which the Catholic is built – succeeded by St. Linus (he may be the Linus mentioned in Scripture). St. Peter was crucified upside down.

Our supreme chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, of Baltimore, recently wrote an excellent article on the efficacy of praying the rosary. He encourages daily recitation of it.

****Please make every effort to join us for our meetings. Every one of you is important to us.****

Just a reminder, go to **NewAdvent.org** for a wonderful web site for all things Catholic.

Viva Jesus,

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
JUNE – DECEMBER**

June 4, 2018 - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members.) **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY.**

June 14, 2018 - First meeting of the month at our Hall at 8:00 pm.

June 17, 2018 – Knights Hall Father's Day Breakfast at our hall from 8:30 am – noon.

June 20, 2018 – 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm

June 28, 2018 - 2nd Meeting of the month at our Hall at 8:00 pm.

July 15, 2018 – Knights Hall Breakfast at our hall from 8:30 – Noon.

August 9, 2018 – MI Drive Picnic at the K of C Grounds.

August 19, 2018 – Knights Hall Breakfast at our hall from 8:30 – Noon.

September 16, 2018 – Knights Hall Breakfast at our hall from 8:30 – Noon.

September 16, 2018 – Second annual Pro-Life March through downtown Utica.

October 14, 2018 – Knights Hall Breakfast at our hall from 8:30 – Noon.

November 11, 2018 – Knights Hall Breakfast at our hall from 8:30 – Noon.

December 16, 2018 – Children's Christmas Party.

Faternally,
Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We would like to wish all those people who are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the month of June a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of June we are honoring Toy Attard and his wife Tina. They have lived on Shelby Woods Drive in Shelby Township 32 years ago. They were married on October 8, 1976. Their oldest son, Jeffery is 52 years old and their daughter, Angela is 27 years old.

Roy and Tina joined St. Lawrence Parish in 1986. They both manage and operate the St. Lawrence Outreach to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. They also co-chair the Applefest kitchen, work McRest and the church picnic. Tina is a quilter and works funeral lunches. Roy is an usher and EM.

Tina manages the household and Roy is now retired from Chrysler after 23 years. He previously worked at Smith, Hinchman and Grylls for 10 years.

Roy joined St. Lawrence Council in 2011 and the 4th degree Assembly 478 in 2015. He is also on the Color Guard. He is a director for the building corporation. Chairmanships include the car show, square dance, hay ride and religious freedom rally.

In their spare time Roy and Tina enjoy volunteering on various committees. They have a summer house in Port Austin on Lake Huron. They also enjoy traveling, cruises and friends.

Congratulations Roy and Tina on being chosen the Family of the Month for the month of June by your Brother Knights.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the Month of June we are honoring Brother Jim Adams as Knight of the Month. He lives in Macomb with his wife Suzanne.

He belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. Jim and Suzanne are Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Jim sits on the parish council representing the education commission. He is also a members of the St. Lawrence Men's group.

Jim is a program manager at Fiat Chrysler for transmission programs. Suzanne is a professor at Macomb Community College.. Jim joined St. Lawrence Council in 2015. He has been membership chairman since 2016. He is also a member of the degree team.

In his spare time Jim is interested in cars, history, art and architecture. He and Suzanne enjoy traveling, cooking and restaurants. Both are avid readers and enjoy learning more about their faith.

Congratulations Jim on being chosen Knight of the Month for the month of June by your Brother Knights.

HELP NEEDED

St. Lawrence Council is supporting the Provincial Golf Outing on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Cracklewood golf course in Macomb Township. The fundraiser is equally benefiting Vets Returning Home and the Fr. Hennepin Province (4th Degree KofC).

A handful of volunteers are needed on the morning of the event to help prepare golf carts with rules, programs, water bottles and signs. Beginning time is 6:00 am and should take less than one and one half hours to complete.

See Scott Morgan or Jason Meyers if you can help.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

All articles for the KnightLife should be sent to my new email address which is – lindanardeccchia@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

If you need to be at our hall during school pick-up or drop-off times, please note the following information:

St. Lawrence School uses our Back lot and driveway (exit side) as a means of routing traffic before and after school.

The following are the approximate times that the school uses our lot. Parking behind the hall will **NOT** be available during these times.

DROP OFF – 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

PICK UP – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

****MOST IMPORTANT** - please note that there are **NO LEFT TURNS** out of our parking lot during the afternoon pickup.

OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering: Megan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Mary Ann Campbell, Tracey Wallelunga, Rick Lumetta, Barbara Zientek, Jeremy Yorke, Kenneth Mulka, Ron Wiegand, Joshua Walz, Mike Hoste, Marion Lelito, Sharon Dillaway, Ed Campbell, Bonnie Attard, Griffen Davies, Ray Phillips, Olivia Kelly Tsvetkoff, Clara Mueller, Crystal Gittens, Ray Phillips, Richard Gitter, Kelly Gill, Sharon Winkler, Don Heydens Jr., Mark Cholack, Julie Elwart, Dolan Gilbert, Linda Nardecchia, Kari Nardecchia, Norm Altz, Chuck Pollum, Maurice D'Hondt, Ann Marie Badke, Robert Quaine Sr., Roy Ansell, Norm Altz, Stan Singer, Terry Donovan, Tracey Mallia, Zack Johnson, Paul Rybicki, Norm Altz, John Mohan, Sandy Barg, Mary Elwart, Robert Quaine, Jr., Robert Rogensues and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: James Welch

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 978-0579 or email us at: lindanardeccchia@gmail.com. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.



KNIGHT'S BANQUET HALL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Welcome Ernie's Catering! The Knights Corporation is pleased to welcome Ernie's Catering as our new banquet hall management team! Sam Backos, owner of Ernie's Mediterranean in Clinton Township, MI and his professional staff have many years of elegant banquet services experience! Let Ernie's plan your next event! Inquiries can be submitted via our website at www.uticakofc.com, by emailing salesernies@gmail.com or by calling (586) 739-9063.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (YLI) RECOGNITION

The goal of the YLI is to provide an opportunity for teens to explore their talents, interests and Gifts of the Holy Spirit through Leadership projects and to serving others. This program is open to all teens from 8th through 12th grades. This year we saw a substantial increase in the number of teens participating and completing projects.

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018, Donald Heydens and Joe Lograsso attended the St. Lawrence School Middle School Recognition ceremony. The Council recognized each of the sixteen teens with a commemorative medal and booklet that captured each of their projects. Below is a listing of each teen and their accomplishments. Overall, they provided over 350 leadership hours with their teams, collected over 3,000 items for those in need and raised a combined total of over \$10,000.00.

BROCK BARBIERI: *Blooms for Berry Home* – Brock's ambition was to help beautify the group home of where his Aunt and other residents live. He often visits his Aunt and was motivated to make it a better place for the residents and staff. Brock's team raised money by selling candy at school lunches and ran a TV raffle at the May K of C Breakfast. Those funds and his team provided the means of cleaning up the group home garden, expanding the garden and planting flowers.

WALTER DeCASAS: *Free Throw Contest for Covenant House MI* – Walter used his basketball prowess to put together a free throw contest for the teenage homeless shelter Covenant House MI. His team of over 14 friends and family ran the contest and raised funds through admission fees, refreshments and on-line donating, and at the same time bringing attention to the works and goals of Covenant House.

NELLA DeMARIA: *Care Bags for Cancer Patients* – Nella was inspired by her grandma's illness to create gift bags for sick patients at local hospitals. Her team collected over 400 items and created 77 care bags and 4 bins of candy and books, and delivered them to the hospitals.

NAOMI FONSEKA: *Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries* – Naomi put together a team to help with the donations from school, items designated by grade, from first aid items, to toiletries to canned foods. She was able to collect 3000 items and donate them, along with some money to the DRMM.

SAM GIULIANI: *Empty Bowl's Detroit* – Sam raised money with a bowl painting event that brought in 110 people from our community to paint and prepare bowls for a majority charity event. He led a team of friends and family to put on a simple dinner at the K of C Hall and paint the bowls.

JACKSON KALKOFEN: *Art Road* – Jack's interest in art and all things creative led him to want to support the Art Road organization, which provides supplies and teachers to four Detroit elementary schools that would otherwise not have art programs. Jack's team of over a dozen friends and family collected cans and bottles to provide funds that support Art Road. Jack was then able to visit and work with students at one of the schools.

RYAN LAWROSKI: *Clothes Drive and Lunches for those in Need* – Inspired by what he learned helping Nick Tessmer (see below), Ryan carried the torch further for Sister Judie, having a team of helpers run a raffle, collect clothing and run a hot dog stand to fundraise to feed and clothe the homeless in Detroit. He has made lunches for 75 people with his efforts and will continue to make meals throughout the summer.

STEPHEN MENARD: *Comforting Kids with Stuffed Animals* – Stephen came to the interview with an original idea to help kids in stressful situations. Thinking about kids that are displaced or experienced a fire at their house, Stephen collected 1300 stuffed animals to give to the fire department, who then in turn could provide the stuffed animals to

kids. Stephen's collection was so successful he was also able to donate items to local senior centers.

MARIA MURPHY: *Detroit Swims Foundation* – Funding swim lessons for kids in need. Maria's great interest is in swimming and caring for others led her to take up a project to provide swimming lessons. Maria led a team to run guessing jars games in school and at the K of C Breakfast in February. She was able to fund swim lessons for five students.

MADY NIHRANZ: *Pops for Paws – "I Heart Dogs" Shelter* – Mady put a small team together to fundraise by selling tootsie pops at school during lunch. The money was used for the shelter to provide animal medical needs, blankets and toys.

GABRIELLA SPAGNUOLO: *Make A Wish Foundation* – Gabby put together a team of her friends to bake heart cookies at the family's bakery and sold them during the week of St. Valentine's Day. Her team was successful and had to go back multiple days to bake more cookies, and allowed her to help the goals of the Make A Wish Foundation here in Michigan.

NICK TESSMER: *Sister Judie's Treasurers of the Street* – Nick raised money to then lead a team of friends to make lunches and take volunteers to the homeless people of Detroit with Sister Judie. Nick was able to make 200 lunches with his team and personally led his team with Sister Judie to the homeless neighborhood in Detroit.

SYDNEY TOBOLA: *Food Packing for Agape Center Foodbank* – Gathered friends and family to pack bags for the food bank at St. Clement of Rome.

BRETT VARGO: *Mentoring J'Marion* – Brett came to the interview with the idea of being a big brother to a younger boy from a poor family and being raised only by his grandmother. Brett's team put on a 50/50 raffle at the March K of C breakfast to raise funds to support J'Marion through various activities and help the boy's family by purchasing grocery gift cards. Through speaking at Mass, Brett also attracted the attention of many parishioners who donated tickets to sporting events, allowing he and his team to further provide positive and fun experiences for J'Marion.

WILL WEINGARTZ: *Fun Day for Rising Stars Academy* – Will gathered thirty volunteers to create an event filled with games and inclusion for the learning and physically impaired students at Rising Stars Academy. Will co-chaired this event with one of the students from Rising Stars and created teams that competed in the different outdoor and indoor games. Will concluded the day with lunch, a giant egg toss game, awards presentation, dancing and singing "YMCA."

ALEC VALDO: *Michigan Humane Society* – Alec was able to put his team together to collect bottles/cans in his neighborhood. Additionally at school, his team collected items such as pet food, blankets, towels, and pet toys. The items and money were donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

HOLIDAYS IN JUNE



JUNE 14 – FLAG DAY



JUNE 19 – FATHER'S DAY



JUNE 20 – SUMMER SOLSTICE

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